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### **Another Big Week for Education Lottery Players -Fifth \$100,000 winner claims prize-**

**RALEIGH** – The North Carolina Education Lottery (NCEL) has paid out more than \$25 million in prizes to players since the games began on March 30. Winners in the past week have scratched off prizes as high as \$100,000.

John Helms of Mount Holly is the latest \$100,000 winner. He purchased a “\$100,000 Carolina Cash” ticket this week at Wills on West Charlotte Highway in Mount Holly. Two other players, one from Gastonia and one from Wilson also won this top prize in the past week.

Also in the “\$100,000 Carolina Cash” game, four players won \$10,000 prizes. They are: Charles O’Shields of Penrose, Rebecca Buck of Greenville, Henry Wooten of Vanceboro, and Charlene Williams of Winston-Salem.

Three players won \$21,000 playing “Blackjack.” They are: Justin Andrews of Rocky Mount, Marshall Murphy Jr. of China Grove, and Aaron Foster of Elizabeth City.

Five people won \$5,000 playing “Tic Tac Toe” and the NCEL games. They are: Donald Stiles of Waynesville, Naisa Bledsoe of Wendell, Kristen Hibberts of Bessemer City, Markes Smith of Battleboro, and Paisley Harvell Jr. of Rockingham.

More than 5,000 retailers across the state are selling instant scratch-off tickets. The NCEL will transfer 100% of net proceeds to the state lottery fund for education. The proceeds will be used for at-risk four-year-olds, class size reduction, school construction, and provide college scholarships to need-based individuals.

For more information about the NCEL visit its Web sites at [www.nc-educationlottery.org](http://www.nc-educationlottery.org) or [www.lottery.nc.gov](http://www.lottery.nc.gov). The phone number to call is 919/715-6886 (71-LOTTO).

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